The Doors Are Finally Open



Police Chief Robert Duffy. Councilwoman Lois Giess, Deputy Mayor Jeff Carlson, Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., Director of Info Systems Thomas Green and FireChief Floyd Madison cut the ribbon to the new PublicSafety Building.

Following a few years of planning and construction and roughly two months of moving in and getting settled, the new City Public Safety Building was officially dedicated on June 25. The ceremony included a ribbon cutting and remarks by Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr, Council President Lois Giess, Deputy Mayor Jeffrey Carlson, Police Chief Robert Duffy, Fire Chief Floyd Madison and Thomas Green, the Director of Information Systems, which occupies the building with the Police and Fire Departments.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, a memorial dedicated to Police Chief Thomas Hastings and Fire Chief Leonard Huether was unveiled in the atrium of the building by Chief Hastings's children and grandchildren and by Anne Huether Johnson and her family (Chief Huether's other daughter, Patti Giblin and her husband RPD Capt. Ed Giblin were out of town). Chief Duffy and Chief Madison spoke about the two chiefs and the contributions they made to the City and to their respective departments. The memorial consists of photos and a biography and is very much appreciated by the families of Chief Huether and Chief Hastings.

The Departments' memorials, which were originally dedicated several years ago on the Plymouth Ave. side of the old PSB, were rededicated in their new location. The memorials now grace the front of the PSB and flank the flags in a circle visible from Exchange Blvd. In the near future, a blue light will shine on the RPD memorial and a red light will shine on the RFD's in the evening. The Departments' chaplains, Father Robert Bradler of the Fire Department and Father Thomas Wheeland of the Police Department provided the invocation and benediction. Reverend James L. Cherry, Sr. and Reverend Enrique Rivera blessed the building and provided special remarks for the occasion.

At the conclusion of the ceremony those in attendance were invited inside to view the many photos and historic items that were exhibited. Also on permanent display is "Praesideo," one of the Horses on Parade, which was generously donated to the City by Doyle Security Systems. It lists the names of all of the local fire and police personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty.

We invite everyone who is interested to come to the PSB and see the many memorials and historical items on display in the atrium.

CF Stair Climb

by FF Bruce Celento (Q1/G1)

On Thursday, March 21, four of the Rochester Fire Department's bravest brothers rose to the occasion -- literally. Lt. Bob Shaw, F.F. John Grieco, F.F. Matt Murphy and Lt. Jerry Morio climbed 19 flights of stairs at the First Federal Plaza in downtown Rochester, and in FULL GEAR! Why? you might ask. The reason is simple, for eight-year-old Kyle Schuhart and the thousands of other kids like him who suffer from cystic fibrosis.

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 12th annual Stair Climb raised over \$17,000 on one of the few snow-stormed evenings Rochester had this winter. But that didn't stop Bob, John, Matt and Jerry who pushed themselves to the limit in racing to the top of the Plaza. Lt. Shaw's time of two minutes and 35 seconds (2:35), edged out F.F. Grieco's 2:45. F.F. Murphy finished with a time of 2:51 followed by Lt. Morio at 3:23. All are times they should be very proud of. Lt. Shaw and F.F. Grieco are repeat gluttons for punishment who participated before and knew what to expect and still came back. Lt. Morio and F.F. Murphy were novices this year and displayed great enthusiasm. Retired F.F. Sam Obi's daughter, Dina Biehler, practiced with Lt. Shaw and also braved the stairs.

While the climb is a lot of fun and our full-geared bothers are one of the main attractions, the purpose of the event is to raise money for cystic fibrosis research. The RFD's four participants raised over \$1000 collectively. Congratulations and heart-felt thanks from Kyle (our event CF ambassador) and all other cystic fibrosis patients.

It's because of the dollars raised at year-long events like this that we have recently made dramatic progress in the treatment of this deadly genetic disease. Most people don't even know they are carries of the CF gene until they have a child affected by it. One in 20 people is a

Annual Awards Dinner

The Fire Department's Second Annual Awards Banquet was held on April 26 at the Rochester Riverside Convention Center. It was a special evening, not only for the firefighters who received awards, but also for the Department's many guests who had the opportunity to share in the fellowship of the event.

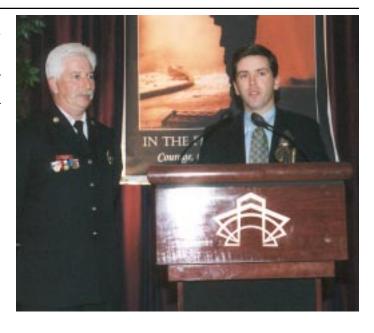
A highlight of the banquet was guest speaker Father John Delendick, of the FDNY. On September 11 he was called to the World Trade Center and arrived to witness the collapse of the towers and the deaths of thousands of people including hundreds of firefighters. He spoke of his emotions surrounding 9-11, the lives and personalities of his close friends who died that day, the outpouring of support that flooded into NYC and the service of all firefighters. We greatly appreciate Fr. Delendick's willingness to travel to Rochester and be a part of our ceremony.

We are also very grateful to WROC-TV 8 news anchor Kevin Doran, who's professionalism as our Master of Ceremonies added immensely to the program. Channel 8 gave the RFD tremendous support, including airing stories in the days leading up to the ceremony on the firefighters receiving awards and by having a live feed at the Convention Center, during which Kevin did a story on the awards program with Capt. Dan McBride and several of the award recipients.

Sophia Lee and her students from No. 22 School, located on Zimbrich St., deserve a big thank you, too. They performed several entertaining musical interpretations at the beginning of the program and before the start of the meal. The Department's Color Guard did their usual fine job and the members of the Keystone Pipes and Drums, who performed so well, brought much to the ceremony.

There are many others who deserve recognition and a special "Thank You" as well. The following organizations sponsored the dinner: Brown & Brown Insurance; the law offices of Chamberlain, D'Amanda, Oppenheimer & Greenfield; Clover Capital; CSX Railroad; Independent Insurance Agents of Monroe County; Jerome Fire Equipment; New Jerusalem Church; Rochester Fire Equipment; RG&E; The Democrat & Chronicle; Timothy & Jessica Shanahan; Wegmans and Mary Love and Larry Marangoni.

Firefighter of the Year, presented to Capt. Peter Rizzo (R11/G2), seen in the photo to the right with Tim Shanahan of Clover Capital Management, for his 25 years of distinguished service. Capt. Rizzo was instrumental in helping create the RFD's Confined Space Rescue Team and the first heavy rescue unit (Heavy Rescue 11). Many of his certifications and much of his specialized training has been the result of hard work done on his own time. His dedication to Special Operations has made him a valuable

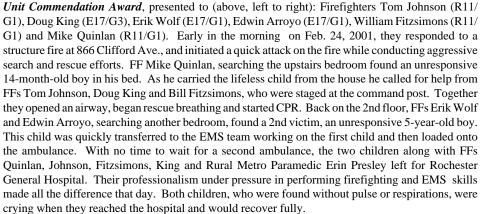


asset to the Department and his reputation as a special rescue instructor and his participation as a member of the elite NYS Urban Search and Rescue Team has gained him recognition throughout the state. On 9-11, Capt. Rizzo's expertise was put to use when he was activated to assist in the massive rescue effort in NYC. In his two tours of duty Capt. Rizzo performed in an exemplary manner under very stressful and often dangerous conditions. The day after he returned home he assumed command of Heavy Rescue 11, a unit that has benefitted greatly from his experience. Capt. Rizzo clearly demonstrates a special faithfulness and perseverance in providing high quality service and in meeting and advancing the Department's goals and objectives.



Emergency Medical Service Lifesaving Award, presented to (above, left to right): the members of Quint/Midi 6, Group 3, Firefighters Barry O'Connor, Tony Gugliotta, Eddie Ryan, James Smallwood, Tony Przybyl and Capt. Mark Strzyzynski (also pictured are Chief Madison, Mrs. Davis, Dasey Davis and EDC King). At 2:17 p.m., on April 1, 2001, Quint and Midi 6 were called to the scene of a motor vehicle accident and found an 8-year-old female lying by the curb. Young Dasey Davis was unresponsive having suffered massive head, chest and abdominal trauma. The firefighters realized that they had a high priority trauma patient whose life was quickly draining as every second passed. They immediately performed an initial assessment opening an obstructed airway, then providing BVM ventilations to ensure adequate breathing. The patient's immediate life threats were addressed and she was made ready for transport in only five minutes of the firefighters' arrival. Without their prior extensive in-service training and their strong devotion to the people in the community, this patient would not have survived to be admitted to Strong's Surgical Intensive Care Unit. Congratulations to all on a job well done.







Distinguished Service Award, presented to Lt. Terry Murtaugh, of the Supply Depot. Throughout his 29 year career, Lt. Murtaugh has served the RFD with distinction. In recent years he has been responsible for the Supply Depot, which provides all the supplies and equipment used by the Fire Department on a daily basis. Terry's office oversees the procurement, testing, maintenance, repair and distribution of tools and equipment essential to our operation. His organizational skills, high motivation and ability to work in a positive manner with a variety of people have distinguished him as a "guy that gets the job done."

Unit Commendation Award, presented to (in the photo to the right, left to right): FF Timothy D'Imperio (Q5/G3), Lt. Carl Cottorone (O8/G3) and FF Richard McOuilkin (O5/G3) for their rescue of three people from 110 Ardmore St. During a snowstorm on the morning of March 22, 2001, fire companies responded to a report of a house fire with people trapped on the second floor. Upon their arrival, members of Quint 5 found Rita Jones leaning out the upstairs bathroom window with thick black smoke billowing out from over her head. In each of her outstretched arms she held an infant desperately trying to keep them out of the smoke and contemplating whether it was safer to jump. Quick and calm action on the part of the first arriving firefighters averted a tragedy. Firefighters Rich McQuilkin and Tim D'Imperio without hesitation took a ground ladder from the quint and raised it to the second story window. F.F. D'Imperio climbed it with F.F. McQuilkin following right behind. Tim took both children and handed them to Rich, who quickly carried them to shelter. Lt. Carl Cottorone then went



up the ladder and assisted Tim with the rescue of Rita Jones. With great coordination, teamwork and with no time to spare, these three firefighters snatched two infants and their grandmother from certain disaster. They are to be commended for their life saving actions and continuing in the finest tradition of the Rochester Fire Department. (Also pictured above are EDC Robert King, Fire Chief Floyd Madison, Rita Jones and her grandsons.)



Emergency Medical Service Lifesaving Award, presented to (to the left, from left to right): the members of Engine 7, Group 3, Lt. John Appleby and FFs Mike Scialdone, Mitchell Shipp and Dennis Slattery (not pictured) for their resuscitation of a premature newborn. Also pictured are Chief Madison, baby Amiya Johnson, who the firefighters resuscitated, her mother and Chief King. On June 1, 2001, Engine 7 responded to 34 Congress Ave. to assist with an imminent childbirth. Upon their arrival they found that the baby had been delivered, but was unresponsive, had no pulse and was not breathing. The baby had aspirated water and had a partially obstructed airway. Suctioning was provided, an open airway was established and rescue breathing was begun. The baby's premature size made these procedures difficult but the crew persevered and lttle Amiya Johnson began to breath on her own just as the ambulance arrived. Those first loud cries were sweet music to the ears of the members of Engine 7, who shared their joy and relief with the parents of this new life. Congratulations to all.



Emergency Medical Service Lifesaving Award, presented to (left to right): Midi 8, Firefighters Tom Boyle (G4) and Jim Kober (G2) for a CPR-Defib. save. On July 21, 2001, at 5:55 p.m., Midi 8 was dispatched to Frontier Field for a 62-year-old usher, who was down and unresponsive. determining the patient was in cardiac arrest, CPR was initiated and the automatic defibrillator was used to administer two shocks. CPR was then continued until Monroe Ambulance arrived and a second set of shocks brought back a steady heartbeat. The patient was delivered to the hospital with a pulse and responding well to the treatment. A quick response time, combined with early intervention, CPR and defibrillation is the key to saving lives. Firefighters Boyle and Kober demonstrated their skills and professionalism that day in saving a life. We commend them for acting in the finest tradition of the RFD.

Distinguished Service Award, presented to F.F. Robert Hall (R11/G2), for a fire rescue. In the early morning hours of November 26, 2001, fire companies responded to a report of fire on the eighth floor of a 12 story apartment building at 625 University Ave. The elevators were not working in the fire service mode so when F.F. Hall heard the report of someone trapped he ran up eight flights of stairs. On the fire floor it was confirmed that a 59-year-old woman was trapped in the burning apartment. As a hoseline was being stretched, F.F. Hall entered the apartment crawling through thick black smoke and past a kitchen fully in flames. He began a blind search in the living room area where he found the resident on the floor, unconscious and barely breathing. Then following the shouts of his fellow firefighters in the hallway, he was able to drag the victim to safety where he immediately placed his facemask on her. While rescue operations are always a team effort, F.F. Hall demonstrated a special courage and initiative that morning that overcame obstacles and saved a life. He is to be commended, along with the rest of his crew, for outstanding service.



Community Service Award, presented to F.F. Mike Brown (E16/G2), pictured above with him are Chief Madison, Joe Yeamas, and Chief King. F.F. Brown was recognized for his years of dedicated service to the children in the Hudson Avenue neighborhood. His officer, Lt. Scott Joerger, stated on the award nomination form that for a number of years Mike has gone above and beyond the call for community service and that when he's not on a fire call he spends a good deal of his time repairing bicycles. Lt. Joerger said that Mike pulls old bikes from the trash or gets people from the community to drop off broken bikes at the firehouse. At the station he works in the basement making repairs, gets the bikes back into riding condition and gives them away to young children in the neighborhood. "I can't tell you the number of times I've seen a smiling kid ride off on a "new" slightly used bike. Mike beams with pride, but quickly returns to repairing the next bike. It's not uncommon to see him with a bunch of kids in front of the firehouse conducting bicycle repair classes. Mike works for little thanks and no reimbursement for expenses, but to him the rewards are the kids. They do not forget him. In the summer, as we drive Engine 16 through the



neighborhood, kids run to the front yard or stop playing and wave or call out his name." Joseph Yeamas, a young man who was befriended by F.F. Brown many years and seven bikes ago, wrote into the Chief's Office and said, "I would like to thank Mike Brown for all he has done for me over the years. He has been a great friend to my family and me. He has helped me not only with my bikes, but with my life, too. I would like him to get this award for helping people and caring about kids." Congratulations Mike, from the Department and from all your young friends on Hudson Ave.



The Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association's Outstanding Board of Directors Award for 2002 was presented to Captain Dan McBride (PIO) by association president John Hall. Capt. McBride, who is a director on the board, received the award for working with WHECTV10 to produce monthly fire safety education segments, for helping at the burn camp and raising money for the camp, and for arranging for a burn survivor to get surgery at the Shriner's Burn Hospital in Boston and accompanying and assisting the boy during his stay there. John wanted to present Dan with the award during the RFD's ceremony, which was very fitting. Thank you John and congratulations Dan.

Distinguished Service Award, presented to retired Battalion Chief Stephen Trenton, of the Fire Safety Division. Steve's dedication to fire safety and the fire service community has extended over many years. His enthusiasm and leadership on the state, county, city and town level has touched the lives of many people. As an assistant to and acting Fire Marshal over the past 14 years, he developed professional standards, improved training, and enhanced the organization and implementation of code inspections and enforcement



practices. His level of providing high quality service has done much to protect the citizens of our community and advance the RFD's goals and objectives.



Community Service Award, presented to Quint 5, Lt. Bob Crandall, and FFs Andrew Bleier, Jim Flanagan, Clyde Jones, Lt. Mark Pascuzzi, FFs Doug Carpenter and Doug Knapp, for their enthusiastic participation in the Thurston Rd. Community Garden Project. The firefighters helped create a beautiful garden in what had been a vacant lot on Thurston Rd. and over a period of many weeks they worked on ceramic tiles that include images from the RFD's past and present. The tiles were fired in a kiln and, jointly with many more tiles from various 19th Ward organizations, were put together to make up a circular bench in the garden.

EMS ITEMS...

by Lt. Steve Erb, EMS Office

The CPR recertification program for this year is almost over. Since April we have recertified 168 officers and firefighters. To accomplish this we had the cooperation and skills of 22 CPR instructors. Coordinating all this were the Line deputy chiefs. The EMS Office would like to thank all of these participants for the success of the courses. (There may be a few people on each group that still need to finish.)

The CPR instructors take on this responsibility to teach at least two courses each year. There is little compensation for this beyond a pat on the back and a thank you. Please show your gratitude to them when you can. In order to help lighten the work load of the instructors, we have six newly minted CPR Instructors. Firefighter Terry Taylor, EMT-P and Firefighter Joe Luna, EMT-P conducted a Train-the-Trainer for Groups 1 and 3. As a result the following have been inducted into this cadre of instructors: Group 1: FF Kevin Cady, E7; FF Lawrence Brumfield, E3; Lt Mike Merle, Flt; Group 3: FF Matt Murphy Q/ M5; Lt. Clay Andreas, Q/M7; and FF Lisa Beth White, Q/M5.

Engine 12, Group 1 seems to have had a defib save late last month. They "shocked" her once and, despite a serious language problem with the family, cared for the patient professionally. As of this writing, the patient is recovering in the hospital. I encourage all company officers to evaluate calls such as this and, when appropriate, write up the call and send it to either Captain McBride (PIO) or to me.

Speaking of defibrillators, the EMS Off. is in the process of distributing new defib units. This is the second generation of machines. The new units address several complaints regarding the older FR1 units. The newer FR2s have a more visible screen with contrast control; a much longer life battery (5 years compared to 3 for the FR1s); and the memory card is a tiny flash card kept in a separate slot, so it is not necessary to remove the battery to change the memory card after a defib use (no more BIT Test cancellation after you reinsert the battery to access the memory card after every use.) Everything else is the same. There is no change in pads, procedures, or patient care. The first companies to receive the new units are E7, E16 and Q/M5. Additional units will be purchased.

Pike Derby

by FF Mike Quinlan, (R11/G1)

The 10th Annual Rochester Firefighters' Charity Pike Fishing Derby was held on May 20. The weather was pretty nasty, with three snow storms coming over Conesus Lake while the guys were fishing. About a dozen fish were caught despite the harsh conditions, with headquarter's own F.F. Dave Compton bringing home the trophy with an 8.3 lb. pike.

Approximately 50 firefighters showed up at the party afterward and \$1505 was raised for The Mary Cariola Children's Center. Again, another great turnout and a fun time for all.

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Lt. Bob Shaw and Kyle, the event ambassa-

carrier of the deadly gene. When two people who are carriers have a child, that child has a one in four chance of having the disease. Look around you at the mall, the next sporting event or concert you attend, the grocery store, or the firehouse. Remember -- 1 in 20. Great odds for the lottery, but not the CF lottery. Sufferers of cystic fibrosis have to take approximately 30 pills daily to help digest food and fight off infection due to the mucus build up in their lungs and digestive systems. They have to get up an hour earlier than normal and start going to bed an hour earlier because of the necessary breathing treatments that MUST be done daily. These are some of the rituals on their path to survival.

Twelve years ago most cystic fibrosis patients only lived to an average age of 16. Today (with the help of Bob, John, Matt, Jerry and others who dare to make a

Thanks...

Months in the planning...with a cast of hundreds... Thousands of cardboard boxes (and aspirin) later and we're safely ensconsed in the new Public Safety Building. Captain Steve McClary saw all of us through the adventure and can now finally get back to devoting full time to his Planning and Research duties. Captain, even though you may have heard a couple of grumbles along the way, everyone appreciates your hard work and their new work space.

difference) the average age is 32. It's a huge leap, but no one would want their child to be at the end of their life at 32.

The Climb is not the only area event that raises money for CF research. For those who like to take leisurely strolls, there are six local GREAT STRIDES walks that take place each May and June. These walks are no more than six miles and are a great way to contribute as a family. There are also two golf tournaments during the summer for all the avid golfers. In October, bring the family out for an evening of fun at our annual Halloween event, JAM "BOO" REE. For those who like to "raise a little hell," or are hockey fans, enjoy an evening at the Hyatt where the Rochester Americans are serving up some fun with dinner as the waiters for the night. All tips for the evening go to CF research. The evening also features a silent auction and a live auction of sports memorabilia, dinner certificates, service certificates, travel packages and more. F.F. Grieco created a unique wrought iron Amerk's logo for the event, which helped raise over \$48,000 for the first time in its 12year history. This fall will debut a brand new event, the "Skyway to Hope - Across America." The Four Points Sheraton, along with the Hyatt Regency and a trip across the skyway will delight guests with food, beverage and entertainment from three exciting places in America.

For information on cystic fibrosis or any of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's fundraisers, please contact JoAnne Fournier at 546-5890, or you can contact my wife Diane or me at 247-1966.

Dear RFD...



Dear Chief Madison, Captain McBride and Engine 7:

Great Strides 2002 was a GREAT SUCCESS thanks to YOU!

Thank you for joining us for the Great Strides - A Walk to Cure CF. Your presence was a definite boost to everyone's morale. We appreciate all the Rochester Fire Department does to assist us in our mission to cure and control CF.

Because of your belief in our mission, hard work, and dedication, this year's annual Great Strides event raised over \$38,000 locally to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. All proceeds will be used to support medical research focused on finding a cure and controls for cystic fibrosis. Your investment in this science will result in a better quality of life for the 30,000 individuals who personally fight CF with every breath.

Thank you for helping us move that much closer to the day when CF will stand for Cure Found!

Sincerely, Grant Fletcher Director of Special Events



June 12, 2002 Dear Chief Madison:

The Rochester Fire Department led by Deputy Chief Bruce Yanz, Lt. Bob Martin, firefighters from Group Four, Fire Investigator Abraham M. Crews, and everyone else whose names we didn't get, responded in *minutes* to our fire, saving lives, property and more serious damage. These firemen work long hours, constantly in lifethreatening situations, and give new meaning to the term "our tax dollars at work!"

One example of the heroism and compassion demonstrated that night was when a distraught tenant returned to see if he had anything left. Everything he owned was in that apartment, but the building could not be accessed due to safety reasons. At approximately 2:30 a.m., after contending with smoke-rimmed eyes and weary

limbs, one fireman still volunteered to accompany the tenant.

I feel much safer knowing that these people are out there. These firemen went above and beyond the call of duty. Thank God for them and the funds needed to keep them

Thank you, John and Barbara Baier



F.F. Joe Montesano, President of Firefighters Local 1071, shared the following letter with us.

May 7, 2002 Dear Joe Montesano,

This is just a thank you letter to the guys at the Gardiner [Quint/Midi 5] and Genesee [Engine 7] stations. They recently responded to a call at my mother's house for an electrical fire. My mother called and said that they came and found the problem and fixed it. They saw that she did not have smoke detectors in the house that worked, so they got some off the engine and installed them for her. They proceeded to go through the house and make sure everything was OK before leaving. This type of service was above and beyond. I would just like to thank them all. I know I don't have to ever worry about my mother. I know she is in good hands with my brothers in Rochester. Take care and if there is anything they ever need iust let me know.

Your Brother in Arms, Adam Engdahl IAFF Local F-283



The following "Pat on the Back" letter was sent to the D&C and Chief Madison:

June 6, 2002 Dear Sir,

On Sunday, May 12, the 19th ward catholic community experienced faith the Portuguese way in a religious procession. In turn the Portuguese community experienced a cultural validation, hand in hand, with the traditional devotion of Our Lady of Fatima.

This profound celebration was a success

due to the priceless guidance, the contribution of many hours of hard work, and an immense dedication to the needs of the Portuguese community by many exceptional individuals. The Portuguese Committee would like to express gratitude to Father Robert Werth, Heide Parreno, the 19th Ward Liturgy committees, the Rochester City Police, the Knights of Columbus, and the Rochester City Fire Department for their support, effort and confidence.

Thank you to all and may the Heavenly Blessings always fall on all of you.

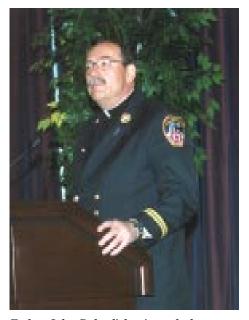
Sincerely, Joaquim M. Flores & Cacilda Flores-Salvaggio St. Augustine's Church

IT'S A BOY!

F.F. John Grieco (Q6/G1) and his wife Laurie are the proud new parents of John Hawkins



Grieco. Baby John was born at 3:11 p.m., on 6-11, weighing 6 lbs. 11 oz. This is their first child and we wish them all the best.



Father John Delendick, pictured above, was the guest speaker at the Department's awards dinner on April 26. In 1996, he was appointed as an FDNY chaplain, but he's been involved with the department since becoming a priest 25 years ago. He spoke eloquently about the fire service, 9-11 and the friends he lost that day.

RFD In Action



Pictured clockwise, beginning above: Rescue 11/Group 1 Firefighters Bill Fitzsimons, Mike Quinlan and Tom Johnson take a break after battling a hot, early morning blaze at the B&L Building Supply Warehouse on June 23; F.F. Scott Erbland (Q9/G4) works with F.F. Pat Friday (Q5/G4) on a patient ejected from an SUV in a roll over accident on I-490 on July 8; F.F. Mike Loomis (Q4/G2) clears out window trim during overhaul at a second alarm apartment house fire on Alexander St. on June 23.





September 11 Memorial Mass

by Capt. Dan McBride, PIO

"A celebration of hope and rememberance"

Members of the local emergency services community: Police, Fire, EMS and Emergency Communications, will gather at 6:00 p.m., on Sunday, September 8 at Avenue D and N. Clinton Ave. Lead by emergency equipment and a pipe and drum band, uniformed personnel will march in procession eight blocks to Saint Michael's Church, located at 869 N. Clinton Ave. At 7:00 p.m., Mass will be celebrated honoring those lost on September 11 and recognizing the sacrifices and dedication of all local active and retired emergency responders. Your presence as Rochester firefighters will greatly enhance this event. Let our numbers show our solidarity with firefighters everywhere and our commitment to the people of this community.

For more information or to assist in organizing this event, please call me at 428-3687.